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Journal

Of a meeting at the house of Joseph A. Gervais

First Monday in March A.D. 1843

In pursuance of a resolution of a previous meeting the citizens of Willamette Valley, met, and the meeting being called to order,

Mr James O'Neil was chosen Chairman.

Mr Mandine was chosen as Secretary; but declining to serve

Mr Le Breton was chosen.

The doings of the former meeting were read

The Committee appointed to notify a general meeting and report business made the following Report, to wit;

"Your Committee beg leave to report as follows —

It being admitted by all, that bears, wolves, panthers, &c &c are destructive to the useful animals, owned by the settlers of this Colony, your committee would respectfully submit the following resolutions, as the sense of this meeting, by which the community may be governed in carrying on a <u>defensive</u> and <u>destructive</u> <u>war</u> against all such animals;

Resolved, 1st That we deem it expedient for this community to take immediate measures for the destruction of all wolves, bears,

and panthers, and such other animals as are known to be destructive to cattle, horses, sheep and hogs.

2d - That a Treasurer be appointed, who shall receive all funds raised and disburse the same in accordance with drafts drawn on him by the committee appointed to receive the evidences of the destruction of the above named animals; and that he report the state of the treasury, by posting up public notices, once in three months, in the vicinity of each of the committe

3d - That a standing committee of eight, be appointed whose duty it shall be, together with the Treasurer, to receive the proofs or evidences of the animals, for which a bounty is claimed, having been killed in the Willamette Valley.

4th - That a bounty of fifty cents be paid for the destruction of a small wolf - $3,00 for a large wolf - $1,50 for the lynx - $2,00 for the bear - and $5,00 for the panther.

5th - That no bounty be paid unless the individual claiming said bounty, give satisfactory evidence, or by presenting the skin of the head with the ears, of all animals, for which he claims a bounty.

6th - That the committee and Treasurer form a board of advice to call public meetings, whenever they may deem it expedient - to provide, and encourage all persons to use their vigilance in destroying all the animals named in the 4th resolution.

7th — That the Counties specified in the 4th resolution be limited to whites and their descendants.

8th That the proceedings of this meeting be signed by the Chairman and Secretary and a copy thereof be presented to the Recorder of this Colony."

On motion, the report was accepted.

It was then moved and seconded that the report be laid on the table — which was carried.

It was moved and seconded that the first resolution in the report of the Committee be adopted — which was carried.

It was moved and seconded that a sum be raised by contribution for the protection of our animals — which was carried.

It was moved and seconded that the third resolution* as amended, be adopted — which was carried.

It was moved and seconded, that two Collectors be appointed to receive all subscriptions, retaining five per cent. for collecting the same, and pay the amount over to the Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same — which was carried.

On motion, the 5th resolution was adopted.

On motion, the 6th resolution as amended, was adopted

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* The original did not exhibit any amendment, nor was any amendment found among the papers, either to this resolution or to the others subsequently mentioned in this Journal — Com.

On motion, it was Resolved that no one receive a bounty {except Indians} unless he pay a ~~bounty~~ subscription of $5.00.

On motion, the 7th resolution was adopted.

On motion, the 8th and 9th resolutions were adopted.

It was moved and seconded that the Indians receive one half as much as the whites.

It was moved, & seconded that all claims for bounties be presented within ten days from the time of becoming entitled to said bounties — and if any there should be any doubts, the individual claiming a bounty shall give his oath to the various circumstances — which was carried.

On motion, W. H. Gray was chosen Treasurer

It was moved that Messrs McKay, Gervais, Matheson, S. Smith, Dougherty, O'Neil, Shorties and Lucier be the Standing committee — which motion was carried.

It was moved that G. W Le Breton and Mr Bridges be the Collectors — Carried.

On motion the 14th resolution was adopted

Resolved that no money be paid to any white or his descendants previous to the time of his subscription

Resolved that the bounty of a minor child be paid to the Parent or Guardian.

Resolved that the drafts for receiving subscriptions be drawn by Mr Gray and Mr LeBreton

Resolved, that drafts on the Vancouver, the Mission, and the Milling Company, be received on subscriptions, at payment.

Resolved that a committee be appointed to take into consideration, the propriety of taking measures for the civil and military protection of this colony

Resolved that said committee consist of twelve persons

Messrs Dr Babcock, Dr White, O'Neil, Shortess, Newell, Lucie, Gervais, Hubbard, McKay, Gray, Smith and Gay, were appointed said committee

On motion the meeting adjourned

Jas O'Neil,
President

S. W. Le Breton
Sec'y.